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REMARKS

Upon further review of the specification, Applicants noticed a couple of sequences with missing sequence identifiers. The above amendments insert the appropriate sequence identifiers into the specification. The amendments to the specification do not introduce prohibited new matter.

Applicants also note that the term "ΔV3-GPGRAF" is used throughout the specification. Since this term is the name of the protein, it does not need to be referenced with a sequence identifier.

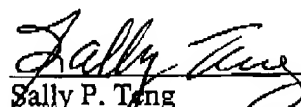
Conclusion

The foregoing amendments and remarks are being made to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments, reconsideration, and the timely allowance of the pending claims. A favorable action is awaited. Should the Examiner find that an interview would be helpful to further prosecution of this application, they are invited to telephone the undersigned at their convenience.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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